

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF THE EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE, PUBLIC EDUCATION
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Thursday, September 29, 2005 – 1:00 p.m. – House of Representatives Chambers

Education Members Present:

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Margaret Dayton, House Chair
Sen. Patrice M. Arent
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. David L. Thomas
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Duane E. Bourdeaux
Rep. John Dougall
Rep. James A. Ferrin
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

Members Absent:

Rep. LaVar Christensen

Staff Present:

Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee

Members Present:

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Gordon Snow, House Chair
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Beverly Ann Evans
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
Rep. James A. Ferrin
Rep. Karen W. Morgan
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

State Board of Education Members Present:

Mr. Kim R. Burningham, Chair
Ms. Janet A. Cannon, Vice Chair
Ms. Dixie L. Allen
Mr. Tim Beagley
Ms. Laurel Brown
Mr. Mark Cluff
Mr. Edward A. Dalton
Mr. Thomas Gregory
Mr. Greg W. Haws
Ms. Debra G. Roberts
Mr. Gary C. Swensen
Ms. Teresa L. Theurer

Note: A list of others present, copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Stephenson called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. He welcomed the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee and the State Board of Education for joining the Education Interim Committee at the meeting. Rep. Christensen was excused from attending the meeting.

Mr. Kim R. Burningham, Chair, State Board of Education, expressed gratitude for the State Board of Education being invited to attend the meeting. He recognized Supt. Patti Harrington and thanked her for being present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Margaret Dayton.

Chair Stephenson asked the committee and board members to introduce themselves.

The joint meeting was open for discussion by committee and board members. A record of those that spoke on each agenda item is recorded in the minutes.

2. Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarships

Rep. Merlynn Newbold, sponsor of H.B. 249, "Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarships," distributed and reviewed a handout that identified statistics and timelines for implementing the scholarship program.

Mr. Larry Shumway, Coordinator of State and Federal Programs, USOE (Utah State Office of Education), reported on how the scholarship program is being implemented.

The following asked questions and commented on implementation of the bill:

Chair Stephenson

Sen. Thomas

Mr. Burningham

Mr. Gregory

Sen. Madsen

Rep. Dayton

Ms. Theurer

Rep. Holdaway

Mr. Ogden

Mr. Beagley

Rep. Morgan

3. U-Pass Accountability Plan

Ms. Christine Kearn, Associate Superintendent, and Mr. Russell Klein, Assessment Coordinator, USOE distributed copies of a presentation, "U-PASS Accountability," and gave a progress report on the development and implementation of the U-PASS Accountability Plan.

The following asked questions and commented on U-PASS:

Chair Stephenson

Sen. Madsen

Mr. Cluff

Rep. Moss

Rep. Holdaway

Ms. Cannon

Ms. Theurer

Sen. Arent

Mr. Burningham

4. NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Supt. Ray Timothy, Associate Superintendent, USOE, provided a progress report on the status of NCLB discussions with the federal government.

The following asked questions and commented on NCLB:

Sen. Thomas
Sen. Arent
Rep. Dayton
Rep. Urquhart
Sen. Hale
Ms. Kearl
Rep. Dayton

5. UBSCT (Utah Basic Skills Competency Test)

Mr. Burningham commented on the UBSCT and distributed handouts, "Support for Closing the UBSCT Achievement Gap" and "UBSCT - Class of 2006 by Administration and Subgroup."

Ms. Kearl presented the State Board of Education's recommendation for an appropriation to assist students in preparing for the UBSCT.

The following asked questions and commented on UBSCT:

Rep. Ferrin
Sen. Madsen
Rep. Holdaway

Ms. Millicent F. Jacobson, Oxford Learning Source, Inc., commented on the UBSCT and distributed a written copy of her comments.

6. Grades 4 - 6 Math Initiative

Ms. Kearl distributed a handout, "Draft - Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grade Mathematics Initiative," and presented the State Board of Education's recommendation for an appropriation for mathematics instruction in grades four through six.

The following asked questions and commented on UBSCT:

Ms. Roberts
Mr. Beagley
Ms. Jacobson
Rep. Newbold
Rep. Holdaway

7. Preliminary Budget Recommendations

Mr. Burningham and Supt. Patrick Ogden, Associate Superintendent, distributed a handout, "State Board of Education's FY 2007 Budget Request," and presented an overview of the State Board of Education's preliminary budget recommendations for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

The following asked questions and commented about the budget proposal:

Rep. Ferrin
Rep. Dayton
Rep. Holdaway
Rep. Hogue
Rep. Newbold
Sen. Thomas
Sen. Arent
Rep. Shurtliff
Sen. Stephenson

8. Liability Protection of Educators

Ms. Steffen distributed a handout, "State of Utah Office of Education," and reported on how school districts provide notification to teachers of liability protection.

Rep. Holdaway commented on liability protection of educators.

9. Other Items / Adjourn

Chair Stephenson thanked the committee and board members for attending the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.